

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council Meeting:

28th October 2016

**Report of South Area Council
Manager.**

South Area Council update on future commissions for 2016/17

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present an update on the development of a range of South Area Council projects originally agreed in principle on 23rd October 2015.
- 1.2 To outline the current financial position for 2016/ 2017 and 2017/2018.
- 1.3 For Members to consider the future of welfare rights and advice across the South Area Council from April 2017 and consider options provided at 5.7 of this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That members note the progress of projects under development as outlined in Section 3 of this report**
- 2.2 **That members note the current financial position of the South Area Council Commissioning Budget for 2016/17 and 2017/2018**
- 2.3 **That Members consider the options outlined at 5.7 for the future of welfare rights and advice across the South Area Council and provide a steer to the South Area Council Manager based on these options**

3. Background & progress to date

- 3.1 At its meeting on 23rd October 2015, the South Area Council agreed to fund the development of a number of small projects. Subsequent to this, at its meeting on 22nd April 2016, the South Area Council approved the funding of a Private Sector Housing Management project and also agreed amendments to the projects under development by South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue. The progress of each project is outlined in the table below:

Project	Confirmed costs and progress to date
Provision of 100 x A3 signs 'This area is maintained by volunteers' for clean-up sites	£375 from Taylor Made signs. 45 signs now erected at agreed hotspots & impact being assessed by Tidy Team staff & Steering Group

<p>Youth Asset Mapping Events to be delivered by the Forge Community Partnership's existing Youth Partnership & Digital Media Club</p>	<p>£5,000 to provide an Asset Mapping event & online survey to be led by local young people supported by Forge workers. Event now completed and report presented to South Area Council in June</p>
<p>Delivery of Health Asset Mapping Conference to be organised by South Area Team in conjunction with Be Well Barnsley Team from Public Health</p>	<p>£1,000 to include full buffet lunch & venue costs. Event held at Rockingham Centre on 16th June – over 50 residents, partners & members attended 3 working groups set up to work on ideas identified at Conference will meet in August & September:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love Your Block events - Darfield Ward Allinace have agreed to adopt this project and provided Ward Alliance Funding. The event will take place on 29 October 2016 in Bellbrooke Avenue and Rose Avenue followed by a Halloween themed event. - Building Future Networks - Making Advice work in our area – postponed
<p>Provision of Fire Cadet scheme for young people by South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service</p> <p>Provision of 2 x one week Achieving Respect & Confidence (ARC) courses for 14 x young people at risk of offending delivered by South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service</p>	<p>£12,157.81 per year for 16 Cadets meeting 39 times per year. Advice from SYFR and Integrated Youth Support Service staff is that there is insufficient time to set up a Cadet Scheme before the funding finishes. This will not run and South Area Council agreed to fund an additional ARC course as below as an alternative.</p> <p>£5,000 per 1 week course – total of £10,000 Course 1 ran week of 13th June at Central Fire Station – 14 young people completed The second course will run the w/c 7th November at Barnsley Fire Station and will follow the same format as the first course.</p>
<p>Social Return On Investment Analysis for remaining South Area Council projects & delivery of SROI analysis training for members of South Area Council & South Area Team</p>	<p>Cost of full training + analyses of other South Area Council Projects by Rocket Science = £2,975. The training for members of South Area Council & South Area Team ran in September after the Area Council meeting.</p> <p>Interviews with project partners to pull together a full SROI analysis for the Tidy Team & the Environmental Enforcement contract took place on 2nd September.</p>
<p>Private Sector Housing Management Post – full time post to tackle issues within private sector housing sector, working with landlords & tenants using both supportive & enforcement approaches</p>	<p>£32,000 for one year FTE including all on costs. The post was originally offered to the preferred applicant in August 16 however the applicant subsequently gave backward at the end of September. The post has been offered to the second applicant and as she is a BMBC officer a secondment has been agreed with a start date of Monday 31st October 16.</p>
<p>Lifeskills Programme for Young People The short programme took place during the summer holidays in 2016. Charlotte Agnew of the Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) & Jola Walker of Berneslai Homes reported that</p>	<p>The South Area Council agreed to fund this programme to the tune of £2,000 to match the amount already committed by Berneslai Homes. An underspend on this project will allow young people, who have expressed an interest since the</p>

<p>although attendance was low all that participated felt it was useful.</p> <p>The proposal will run 'twilight' sessions to combat times of highest anti social behaviour & will offer workshop on a range of skills requested by young people, including basic DIY, paying bills & managing money etc.</p>	<p>programme ran, to attend some of the projects during the club sessions e.g., food hygiene, first aid so there is more scope to the project with some further work needed.</p> <p>The Urban Survival programme is now running at Wombwell and Hoyland – take up has not been large (an average of 5 per session) but it is hoped that the model can be adapted for use on other occasions</p>
Total costs	£53,350.00

4. Finance Update

4.1 Current financial position:

	2014/15 £400,000	2015/16 £400,000	2016/17 £400,000	2017/2018 TBC	Total £1,200,000
Summer Internship		£27,000	£18,000		£45,000
Summer Internship 1		£1800	£29,750		£31,550
Environmental enforcement (14/15) Kingdom	£71,395	£35,697			£107,093
Environmental Enforcement BMBC costs 14/15	£19,752	£8,248			£28,000
Environmental Enforcement Aug 2015 - March 2016 Kingdom Security Services		£81,844			£81,844
Income from Environmental Enforcement Contract	-£ 15,188		-£8,405		-£23,593
Environmental Enforcement BMBC costs Aug 2015 - March 2016 BMBC Community Safety		£13,674			£13,674
Environmental Enforcement 16-17 1 yr + 1 yr			£120,000	£120,000	£240,000
Environmental Enforcement BMBC costs 16-17 BMBC Community Safety 1 year + 1 yr if funding available			£13,000	£15,000	£28,000
CAB & Welfare Rights One Stop Shop	£ 60,416	£ 72,500	£ 12,354		£145,270
CAB & Welfare Rights One Stop Shop Waiver - 10 month extension Waiver June 16 - Mar 17			£61,625	£75,000	£136, 625
Tidy Team	£100,000	£150,000	£50,000		£300,000
Tidy Team 2			£114,000	£195,720	£309,720
Tidy Team Apprentices		£20,000	£8,000		£28,000
Tidy Team Apprentices 2			£16,480		£16,480
Business survey	£3,500				£3,500
Courses for Local Businesses		£20,000			£20,000
Community Magazine Distribution Costs 15/16		£2,500			£2500
Community Magazine Distribution Costs 16/17			£3,000		£3,000
Funding devolved to Ward Alliance (2016/17)			£40,000		£40,000
Provision of 'Maintained by volunteers' signs			£375		£375
Health & Wellbeing Asset Mapping costs			£1000		£1,000
Youth Asset Mapping Survey			£5,000		£5,000
Provision of 1 week ARC course & 39 week Fire Cadet course			£10,000		£10,000
Private Sector Housing Management & Enforcement Officer role			£24,435	£8,145	£32,580
Lifestyle Course			£2,000		£2,000
Social Return on Investment Training			£2,975		£2,975
Total spend	£239,875	£433,263	£523,589	£413,865	£1,610,592
Remaining allocation	£160,125	-£33,263	£-123,589	Budget TBC	

4.2 The current financial position illustrated in the table above shows that the South Area Council has allocated £1,196,727 of its total budget of £1,200,000, taking into account income, over three financial years. The 2017/2018 budget column indicates 2017/ 2018 budget commitments subject to funding, further income and satisfactory performance.

5. **Background and update on ‘One stop shop’ and future consideration of future commissioning**

5.1 Following the approval of four priorities in September 2013, the South Area Council commissioned a ‘One stop shop’ service based in community venues across the areas 4 wards, to offer the full range of welfare rights services to its local residents. In order to offer a full range of support services both a qualified Welfare Rights Advisor and a Citizens’ Advice Bureau Generalist Adviser were appointed to work alongside each other.

5.2 This service was commissioned to run for a period of two years. The original contract finish date was June 2016. At the South Area Council meetings in October and December 2015 a decision was taken to continue the contract based on the performance monitoring to date of the contract and the continued need for this service.

5.3 At the time Area Council funding was only in place until 31st March 2017 with no confirmation of the following financial year’s budget in place. As the contract finished in June 2016, this meant that any new commissioning would only run for ten months (including setting up and evaluation of a new service) and the advice had been that this was not considered good commissioning practice.

5.4 Given that it wasn’t advised or possible to go out to tender for such a short delivery period of time a waiver to standing orders was produced and signed off by the Executive Director (Communities) which enabled the existing contract with Barnsley Citizen’s Advice Bureau and BMBC Welfare Rights Service to continue in its current format until March 2017.

5.5 At the time it was felt this allowed for the future funding of Area Councils to be clarified, whilst still leaving enough time for future commissioning of this work.

5.6 The ‘one stop shop’ contract terminates at the end of March 2017. If the South Area Council agree that the provision of locally based information and advice remains a priority then this would need to go out to tender for a new contract.

5.7 This report seeks to gain a view from Members on the future of welfare rights and advice across the South Area Council from April 2017 and to consider the suggested options below:

Option 1: **Do nothing** – The existing contract would terminate at the end of March 2017. Provision of advice and guidance through a local commission at community venues would not run from 1st April 2017. £75,000 from 2017/2018 provisionally earmarked for funding a new service would be available for other priorities

Option 2: **Draft specification, timescales and costings to be developed by Area Council Manager** – for consideration at the South Area Council meeting in December 2016

Option 3: **Look at future tendering of service once the outcome of the Housing Options and Welfare review is known and fully understood**– given the timescales in terms of going out to the market for commissioning a service this would result in a gap in provision from the 1st April 2017.

5.8 If Members agreed to option 2 the South Area Council Manager would present a specification and associated timescales and costings to the South Area Council meeting in December 16 for a decision to procure.

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